Public Distribution System (RPDS). For the months of June and July, 1992, a total quantity of 1.66 lakh tonnes per month of foodgrains have been allotted. The State Governments/UT Administrations have supported the initiatives taken by the Central Government. State Governments have agreed to open fair price shops in areas unserved/underserved, issue additional ration cards to population left uncovered, make suitable arrangements to deliver PDS commodities at the door-steps of the fair price shops, construct or hire additional godown space to facilitate storage of PDS commodities in these identified areas. Central Government issues wheat and rice for the RPDS blocks, excluding urban agglomerations, at prices which are Rs. 50/- per quintal lower than the normal Central Issue Price under the PDS. Central Government has also stipulated that the retail price of wheat and rice should not exceed the specially subsidised Central Issue Price by more than 25 paise per kg.

(d) All blocks covered by Drought Prone Area Programme and Integrated Tribal Development Project Schemes in Madhya Pradesh are included in the Scheme. Madhya Pradesh was allotted a quantity of 21,920 tonnes of foodgrains each for the months of June and July, 1992 for distribution in the identified areas.

(e) Madhya Pradesh Government has reported that they have set up Fair Price Shop (FPS) level Vigilance Committees for all FPSs under the Revamped PDS.

(f) The Sarpanch is the ex-officio Chairman of the FPS level Vigilance Committee. This Committee also has a nominee of the Local MLA and a nominee of the Collector, preferably a woman. A certificate from the vigilance committee at the FPS level is necessary for obtaining the permit for the next month's allocation of commodities.

Racket in supply of foodgrains

1478. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a well knit racket in food grains supply is operating in the North East States of the country causing large losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government against the persons identified in the racket; and

(d) what measures have been taken to remove the loopholes and made the system foolproof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) Available Reports indicate that foodgrains are being smuggled from the North Eastern States into Bangla Desh. The Central Government has from time to time advised the State Governments/UT Administrations to take all steps to prevent diversion and other mal-practices by using the provisions of Essential Commodities Act etc. The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified.

सड़कों को चौड़ा करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को धन का आवंटन

@1479. **श्री लक्खी राम अग्रवाल** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने, राज्य में विभिन्न कोयला खानों से जुड़ी विभिन्न सड़कों को मजबूत बनाने और चौड़ा करने के उद्देश्य से पर्याप्त धनराशि उपलब्ध कराने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है ;

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